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A Canvas Like No Other

CANAL WINCHESTER - When residents of Canal Winchester see a snow plow coming down the street, they don't usually pay much attention to the plow blade. Generally, that's because there is not much on the plow blade to see, until now! An idea by the City of Canal Winchester's Street Superintendent, Shawn Starcher and the talents of recent High School graduate, Kendra Zarbaugh, have changed the way people will see our snow plows.

Shawn read an article where the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin had their plows painted by school children. Starcher introduced the idea to Mayor Ebert and CWS Vice-Principal Shawn Haughn in January. Through the art department a talented young artist was identified, high school senior, Kendra Zarbaugh. After talking with city and school officials, Kendra came up with the conceptual design and began painting this past spring.

The painting of the snow plow blade is a part of a maintenance routine that is done to keep the metal from rusting. The plow blades are sand blasted and painted as needed. With this year's project, the plow blade was sandblasted, primed, the painting was done by Kendra and finally a seal coating was applied. The goal of the street department is to have one of the three ten foot plows custom painted every year by a student. "With the cooperation of the schools, the talent of the students and the work of our staff, there is no reason we cannot continue to do this. These unique community based projects are what makes Canal Winchester a special place" said Mayor Ebert.

Residents will be able to see the snow plow on display and meet Kendra at Music and Art in the Park this Friday, July 20th in Stradley Park. The event begins at 6:00PM with music, art and the annual cruise-in.

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